

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: May 12, 2011

Agenda Item: Final Moose/Sheep/Goat License Quotas Outside Biennial Ranges

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Approval of Final Rule

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

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Background

Biennial quotas for moose, sheep and goat licenses were adopted as final in February 2010. That adoption set minimum and maximum numbers of licenses that may be annually issued without additional commission review for any single license type. Field survey efforts, however, have identified one moose license type (LPT) where the prescribed 2011 quota is outside the adopted range. To address this, the following single proposed adjustment to the 2011 quota and biennial range is proposed for annual adoption for the 2011 season. Other changes and/or maintenance of 2010 quotas will take place within the established quota ranges. Here is the proposed adjustment:

Moose/Region 3

- HD 327-20: decrease antlered moose licenses from 4 to 3; adjust biennial quota range from 4 – 10 to 3 - 10

Public Involvement Process & Results

Any adoptions from the April 14 Commission meeting will have public comment opportunity through 5:00 PM, May 9. All comments will be provided to the Commission. Any final adoption will take place at the May 12 Commission meeting.

Alternatives and Analysis

One alternative would be to set annual quotas only within current ranges. That approach would disregard current field inputs.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends the commission adopt the proposed 2011 adjustment to the moose 327-20 annual quota and biennial quota range. This approach maintains the integrity of the adopted biennial ranges and adheres to conservative management prescriptions.

Proposed Motion

I move the commission adopt as final the adjustment to the moose 327-20 annual quota and biennial range as proposed by FWP.